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Chitina Subdistrict Pre-season Federal Subsistence Fishing Schedule Announced

Copper Center, AK...The tentative pre-season fishing schedule for Federally qualified subsistence users in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Copper River was announced today by the Federal Subsistence Board. This pre-season schedule is identical to the state pre-season schedule and is subject to change based on numbers of salmon entering the Copper River. The Chitina Subdistrict will remain closed until at least Monday June 5. Due to late breakup conditions, salmon migration into the Copper River is approximately two weeks behind schedule. It is anticipated that fish passage past the Miles Lake sonar will be sufficient to allow fishing in the Chitina subdistrict during the week of June 5 – 11. The duration of this open period will be confirmed after May 29th:

2006 Federal Subsistence Salmon Fishery Pre-season Schedule for the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River District.

Dates	Period Hours
Monday, June 5, 12:01 AM – Sunday, June 11, 11:59 PM	168
Monday, June 12, 12:01 AM – Sunday, June 18, 11:59 PM	168
Monday, June 19, 12:01 AM – Sunday, June 25, 11:59 PM	168
Monday, June 26, 12:01 AM – Sunday, July 2, 11:59 PM	168
Monday, July 3, 12:01 AM – Tuesday, July 4, 11:59 PM	48
Friday, July 7, 12:01 AM – Sunday, July 9, 8:00 PM	68
Tuesday, July 11, 12:01 PM – Sunday, July 16, 11:59 PM	132
Monday, July 17, 12:01 PM – Sunday, July 23, 11:59 PM	156
Monday, July 24, 12:01 AM – Saturday, September 30, 11:59 PM	Continuous

This fishery is open, during the periods listed above, to Federally qualified subsistence users having customary and traditional use of salmon in this Subdistrict. A Federal permit is required to participate in the fishery under Federal regulations. This permit may be obtained without charge from the National Park Service office in Copper Center or Slana from 8-5 Monday through Friday until Memorial Day and then 7 days per week thereafter.

The National Park Service office in Copper Center provides a recorded message phone with the most current fishing schedule. The recorded message is available 24-hours daily. The phone number is (907) 822-7256. Subsistence users are encouraged to call this number prior to fishing to determine if amendments have been made to previously announced fishing schedules.

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